



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held August 29, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Supervisor Burke's recommendation to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), urging the FCC to immediately extend their temporary injunction against Time Warner, indefinitely, to prevent Time Warner from cancelling the NFL Network until a reasonable, market-based solution is worked out between Time Warner Cable Company and the NFL Network.

Supervisor Burke made the following revised statement:

"Time Warner Cable recently finalized their acquisition of the cable systems that serve 3.5 million Adelphia and Comcast subscribers. Prior to their acquisition, the NFL Network was available to unincorporated area cable subscribers on Adelphia and Comcast by purchasing a digital tier of programming. Post acquisition, a dispute arose between Time Warner and the NFL Network concerning the placement of the channel on the cable system.

"Subsequently, on August 1, 2006, Time Warner Cable unilaterally chose to discontinue its carrying of the NFL Network on its cable systems, apparently without fulfilling the legal requirements for notifying customers. According to a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) report, '...within two days of having dropped the NFL Network, Time Warner received at least 7,843 complaints and 88 requests for service disconnection' and the NFL, itself, registered over 22,000 complaints from Time Warner's market area. On August 3, 2006, the NFL received immediate injunctive relief from the FCC, who required Time Warner to reinstate the NFL Network to all systems that carried this programming prior to the merger, including those systems within the County of Los Angeles, until Time Warner gives subscribers a 30-day notice that they plan to cancel this service.

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“If Time Warner and the NFL do not reach agreement by September 3, 2006, it is highly likely that Time Warner will remove the NFL Network from all of their cable systems, including 1.9 million Los Angeles-area households that just became part of the Time Warner system. This could have a dramatic negative effect on the County’s cable subscribers, possibly prompting them to cancel their cable service and subscribe to satellite service since they will be the only provider to offer the NFL network.”

Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to send a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), urging the FCC to immediately extend their temporary injunction indefinitely, to prevent Time Warner from cancelling the NFL Network until a reasonable, market-based solution is worked out between the Cable Company and Network.

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